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House Bill No. 6226

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The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. VILLANO of the 91st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) The Department of
2 Children and Families shall ensure that the Connecticut Juvenile
3 Training School:

4 (1) Completes health, mental health and educational assessments for
5 each child admitted to the school not later than seven days from the
6 date of such child's admission;

7 (2) Completes a written individualized treatment plan for each child
8 admitted to the school not later than thirty days from the date of such
9 child's admission;

10 (3) Complies with the provisions of sections 46a-150 to 46a-154,
11 inclusive, of the general statutes regarding the use of physical
12 restraints, medication and seclusion of children at the school;

13 (4) Provides training to all staff at the school regarding their
 14 mandatory child abuse and neglect reporting obligations under section
 15 17a-101 of the general statutes;

16 (5) Provides the opportunity for each child at the school to engage in
 17 at least one hour of physical exercise per day on weekdays and at least
 18 two hours of physical exercise per day on weekends.

19 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall report,
 20 annually, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 21 general statutes, to the select committee of the General Assembly
 22 having cognizance of matters relating to children, with respect to the
 23 department's compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
 24 section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

KID	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	HS
HS	<i>Joint Favorable</i>	

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Department of Children and Families	General Fund - Cost	\$861,540	\$839,540
Comptroller's Miscellaneous Accounts (Fringe Benefits)	General Fund - Cost	\$147,950	\$316,260

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires that comprehensive health, mental health and educational assessments be completed within seven days of admission of each youth to the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS). The Department of Children and Families currently completes comprehensive assessments of CJTS residents within thirty days of admission.

The department will incur an FY 04 cost of \$861,540 to support the salaries of eleven staff required to meet this mandate and associated other expenses. These include: one pediatrician, five pupil services specialists and five clinical psychologists. These costs would be supplemented by an estimated \$147,950 in fringe benefit costs, which are budgeted centrally in miscellaneous accounts administered by the Comptroller¹. In FY 05 the annualized cost associated with this service enhancement would be \$1,155,800 (\$839,540 DCF; \$316,260 fringe

¹ The total fringe benefit reimbursement rate as a percentage of payroll is 40.21 percent, effective July 1, 2002. However, first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs, lowering the rate to 18.81 percent in FY 04.

benefits).

It is anticipated that the department will be able to achieve standards set forth in subdivisions (2) – (5) of subsection (a) of Section 1 without requiring additional resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to report annually to the Children's Committee on the Connecticut Juvenile Training School's compliance with:

1. completing health, mental health, and educational assessments within seven days of a child's admission;
2. completing an individual treatment plan for each child within 30 days of admission;
3. giving each child the opportunity for at least one hour of physical activity each weekday and two hours a day on weekends;
4. training all staff on their responsibilities as mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect; and
5. following state law governing the use of physical restraints, seclusion, and psychopharmacological agents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 18 Nay 0

